Shortage of Potable Water

3920. SHRI D.P. YADAV : Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Sambhal Parliamentary Constituency in Uttar Pradesh is facing shortage of potable water;

(b) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme in view of the approaching summer season;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the amount likely to be allocated for this purpose during 1997-98 ?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI KINJARAPPU YERRANNADIU) : (a) No report has been received from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh in this regard.

(b) to (d) Powers have been delegated to the State Governments to formulate and implement suitable drinking water supply schemes. An amount of Rs. 122.78 crore has been allocated under Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme and an amount of Rs. 128.00 crore has been provided under State Sector Minimum Needs Programme for 1996-97. District-wise/ Scheme-wise allocation has been done by the State Government.

[English]

Supply of LPG Cylinders

3921. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether IOC plans to launch a pager aided LPG delivery system in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to introduce to such system in other parts of the country particularly in Andhra and Orissa; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be introduced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b) Indian Oil Corporation has introduced the paging aided delivery system for supply for LPG cylinders on a trial basis with one distributor in New Delhi.

(c) and (d) Introduction of the system for other locations also will depend on the success of the trials at New Delhi and its feasibility and economic viability for wide application.

Assistance of Japan in Power Sector

3922. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have sought any financial assistance/loan from the Government of Japan for setting up of power projects in the country;

(b) if so, the details and response of the Government of Japan in this regard; and

(c) the name of the States where these projects are likely to be set up, location-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) The following power projects have been posed for financial assistance to the Government of Japan for their consideration under Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund (OECF) 1997-98 loan package :-

1. Transmission Scheme (400 KV) to evacuate power from Vishakhapatnam & Simhadri Thermal Power Stations (Andhra Pradesh).
2. Tuivai Hydro Electric Project (3x70 MW) (Mizoram).
3. Renovation & Modernisation of Bandel Thermal Power Station (4x82.5 MW) (West Bengal).
4. Western Yamuna Canal Hydro Electric Project Stage-II (16 MW) (Haryana).
5. Bakreshwar Thermal Power Project (Second Tranche Loan) (2x210 MW) West Bengal).
6. Dhauliganga Hydro Electric Project (Second Tranche) (4x70 MW) Uttar Pradesh).
7. Simhadri thermal Power project (Second Tranche) (2x500 MW) (Andhra Pradesh).
8. Varahi Hydro Electric Project Stage-II (2x115 MW) (Karnataka).
9. Srisailam Left Bank Power Station Project (6x150 MW) (Third Loan) Andhra Pradesh.
10. Line of Credit to Power Finance Corporation.

DECF/Government of Japan have started appraising these schemes for taking a decision about funding.

Fast Breeder Reactor

3923. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government had commissioned Kamini, the world's first thorium processing experimental fast breeder reactor last year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose of create an agreegate capacity of at least 3,000 MW through new and ongoing nuclear power projects during 1997-2002;

(d) if so, whether the Government are also examining proposals to involve the private sector in nuclear power generation;

(e) if so, the locations where these plants are likely to be set up; and

(f) the total cost likely to be involved in these plants ?